(iii) Close monitoring of the disposal of cases and regular interaction with the Welfare Commissioner to remove any impediments that he may be facing in the disposal of cases.

**Increase in prices of Deseforal**

1344. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that there has recently been a sharp increase in the price of Deseferal, which is a life saving drug;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS and FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) and (b) Desferal is an imported formulation, which is not under price control. The movement of the price of the formulation has been as follows:

| Date | Price of 5 vials (Rs.) |
|---|---|
| 5.7.91 .... | 410.00 |
| 1.3.92 .... | 290.00 |
| 31.12.92 .... | 370.00 |
| 28.5.93 .... | 493.00 |
| 1.3.94 .... | 528.40 |
| 22.6.94 .... | 669.88 |

(c) The price of this imported formulation depends on the CIF price, exchange rate variations etc. The company marketing this imported formulation has reported that the recent increases were on account of imposition of excise duty and increase in the CIF price.

Production availability of Chemical Fertilizer

1345. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of various chemical fertilizer during each of the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the system adopted to ensure the availability of chemical fertilizers for the small farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Production of fertilizer nutrients (nitrogen and phosphate) during the last three years has been as follows:—

| 1991—92 | | 1992—93 | | 1993—94 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 'N' | 'P' | 'N' | 'P' | 'N' | 'N' | 'P' | |
| 7301.3 | 2562.2 | 7430.3 | 2306.2 | 7231.2 | 7231.2 | 1815.7 | |